

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, the Abstract is rejected to based on reasons set forth at the bottom of page 2 of the Office Action. Applicants amend the Abstract, as indicated herein, and Applicants believe that these proposed amendments would obviate the Examiner's objection to the Abstract.

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the present application, claim 12 having been canceled as indicated herein. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Medvinsky et al. (U.S. Patent Appln. Pub. No. 2001/0047484).

Applicants traverse these rejections at least based on the following reasons.

Medvinsky is directed to a method for an uninitialized client to obtain credentials from a server which are then used to provide authenticated exchange for network configuration parameter assignment. The obtained credentials can be applied to an authentication option when a dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP) is being used for address assignment.

With respect to independent claim 1, Applicants submit that Medvinsky does not disclose or suggest at least, "generating by said user equipment a credential based upon a user password being associated to said user and a session parameter being determined by said user equipment for said session which is being established," as recited in claim 1. The Examiner cites the Abstract of Medvinsky as allegedly satisfying the above-quoted feature of claim 1. Medvinsky discloses a client / server relationship. The Examiner appears to correlate the server in Medvinsky with the claimed authentication device in claim 1, and correlates the client device in Medvinsky with the claimed user equipment. The Abstract of Medvinsky discusses a client obtaining credentials from a server. Differently, claim 1 requires that user equipment generates the claimed credential based upon a user password. This particular feature is clearly not taught

or suggested by Medvinsky, therefore Applicants submit that Medvinsky does not anticipate claim 1.

Applicants submit that dependent claims 2-6 and 10 are patentable at least based on their indirect or direct dependencies from independent claim 1.

With respect to independent claim 7, Applicants submit that Medvinsky does not disclose or suggest at least, “a first generator to generate a credential based upon a user password being associated to said user and a session parameter being determined by said user equipment for said session which is being established,” as recited in claim 7. The Examiner cites paragraph 10 of Medvinsky as allegedly satisfying the above quoted feature of claim 7. The Examiner points out that a ticket, as described in Medvinsky, is a Kerberos term for a record that helps a client authenticate itself to a server. The ticket contains information that is sealed using a server’s secret key. However, there is no specific teaching or suggestion of the user equipment generating a credential based upon a user password. Furthermore, there is no teaching or suggestion in Medvinsky of a user equipment that comprises a second generator to comprise in a session message a session parameter and a generator credential (that was generated by the first generator based on a user password). *See second element of claim 7.*

At least based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that Medvinsky does not disclose or suggest each and every feature of claim 7, and further submit that Medvinsky does not anticipate claim 7. Applicants submit that dependent claim 11 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency from independent claim 7.

With respect to independent claim 8, Applicants submit that this claim is patentable over Medvinsky at least based on reasons similar to those set forth above with respect to independent claims 1 and 7, as the cited portions of Medvinsky clearly do not disclose or suggest at least, “said verifier coupled to said third generator to verify said verification credential against a

received credential and to provide thereby said authentication for said user,” “said received user identification, said received session parameter and said received credential being comprised by said user equipment in a session message of said protocol,” and “said credential being generated by said user equipment based upon said user password that is uniquely associated to said user and said session parameter that is determined by said user equipment for said session which is being established,” as recited in independent claim 8.

Applicants submit that dependent claim 9 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency from claim 8.

Applicants cancel claim 12 as indicated herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

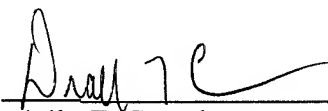
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